



AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): A content distribution system which comprises a portable terminal, a distribution server capable of communicating with said portable terminal, and a client terminal capable of communicating with said distribution server and in which a content item is distributed from said distribution server to said portable terminal by use of said client terminal, wherein

said distribution server comprises:

first request receiving means for receiving a first request from said client terminal, the first request being for requesting said distribution server to distribute a trial content item to said client terminal,

trial content distribution means for distributing, in response to [[a]] said first request from said client terminal, [[a]] said trial content item to said client terminal,

second request receiving means for receiving a second request from said client terminal, the second request being for requesting said distribution server to distribute a regular content item,

input screen data transmitting means for transmitting an input screen data to said client terminal, said input screen data being for inputting, by use of the client terminal, destination information which specifies said portable terminal to which said regular content item is desired to be distributed,

destination information receiving means for receiving said destination information from said client terminal,

regular content distribution means for distributing, in response to [[a]] said second request from said client terminal, a regular content item to said portable terminal which is specified by said destination information, and

charging means for charging a fee to a user of said portable terminal which is specified by said destination information, when the regular content item is distributed to said portable terminal which is specified by said destination information;

said client terminal comprises:

trial content request means for ~~requesting~~ transmitting said first request to request said distribution server to distribute ~~[[the]]~~ said trial content item to said client terminal,

trial content item receiving means for receiving said trial content item distributed from said distribution server,

reproducing means for reproducing said received trial content item, and

regular content request means for ~~requesting~~ transmitting said second request to request said distribution server to distribute ~~[[the]]~~ said regular content item ~~to said portable terminal,~~

input screen data receiving means for receiving said input screen data transmitted from said distribution server,

display means for displaying an input screen based on said received input screen data,
and

destination information transmitting means for transmitting said destination information inputted by use of said input screen; and

said portable terminal comprises:

regular content item receiving means for receiving said regular content item distributed from said distribution server, and

reproducing means for reproducing said received regular content item.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (previously presented): A content distribution system according to claim 1, wherein said regular content distribution means of said distribution server comprises:

URL mailing means for sending an electronic mail to said portable terminal in order to transmit to said portable terminal a URL of a download page for downloading the regular content item; and

download means for distributing the regular content item to said portable terminal in response to access to the URL by said portable terminal; and

said portable terminal comprises:

content obtaining means for accessing the URL of the download page transmitted from said distribution server in order to download the regular content item.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A content distribution system according to claim ~~[[3]]~~ 1, wherein ~~said regular content request means of said client terminal comprises address transmission means for transmitting to said distribution server~~ destination information is a mail address of said portable terminal to which ~~the URL of the download page is to be transmitted by means of an electronic mail~~ said regular content item is desired to be distributed.

Claim 5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (currently amended): A content distribution system according to claim ~~[[5]]~~ 4, wherein ~~the data transmitted by said portable terminal specifying data transmission means of said client terminal include a mail address of said portable terminal; and said direct distribution means~~ said regular content distribution means of said distribution server transmits an electronic mail directed to the mail address of said portable terminal, while attaching said regular content item to the electronic mail.

Claim 7 (previously presented): A content distribution system according to claim 1, wherein said client terminal comprises type-specifying-data transmission means for transmitting to said distribution server data which specify a type of said reproducing means of said portable terminal; and

said regular content distribution means of said distribution server distributes to said portable terminal a regular content item corresponding to the data which specify the type of said reproducing means of said portable terminal.

Claim 8 (previously presented): A content distribution system according to claim 7, wherein said distribution server comprises a database which stores a content item; and
said regular content distribution means of said distribution server processes the content item stored in said database in accordance with the data which specify the type of said reproducing means of said portable terminal and distributes the processed content item to said portable terminal as the requested regular content item.

Claim 9 (previously presented): A content distribution system according to claim 7, wherein said distribution server comprises a database which stores a plurality of content items corresponding to types of said reproducing means of said portable terminal; and
said regular content distribution means of said distribution server selects one content item from the plurality of content items stored in said database in accordance with the data which specify the type of said reproducing means of said portable terminal and distributes the selected content item to said portable terminal as the requested regular content item.

Claims 10-16 (canceled)

Claim 17 (previously presented): A content distribution system according to claim 1, wherein a different regular content item is distributed depending on the type of said reproducing means of said portable terminal.

Claim 18 (previously presented): A content distribution system according to claim 1, wherein

said charging means charges a predetermined fee as said fee to the user of said portable terminal when the regular content item is distributed, and charges a fee lower than the predetermined fee to the user of said portable terminal when the trial content item is distributed.

Claim 19 (currently amended): A content distribution method, used by a distribution server for distributing a content item stored in said distribution server to a portable terminal capable of communicating with said distribution server and including reproducing means for reproducing the content item by use of a client terminal capable of communicating with said distribution server, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving a first request for distributing from said client terminal, the first request for requesting said distribution server to distribute a trial content item ~~from said client terminal,~~

distributing, in response to said first request from said client terminal, the trial content item to said client terminal,

receiving a second request for distributing from said client terminal, the second request being for requesting said distribution server to distribute a regular content item ~~from said client terminal,~~

transmitting an input screen data to said client terminal, said input screen data being for inputting, by use of the client terminal, destination information which specifies said portable terminal to which said regular content item is desired to be distributed,

receiving said destination information from said client terminal,

distributing, in response to said second request from said client terminal, the regular content item to said portable terminal which is specified by said destination information; and

charging a fee to a user of said portable terminal which is specified by said destination information, when the regular content item is distributed to said portable terminal which is specified by said destination information.

Claim 20 (canceled)

Claim 21 (previously presented): A content distribution method according to claim 19, further comprising a step of:

mailing an electronic mail to said portable terminal, the mail containing a URL of a download page for downloading the regular content item from said distribution server to said portable terminal, thereby allowing said portable terminal to access the URL in order to download the regular content item to said portable terminal.

Claim 22 (currently amended): A content distribution method according to claim ~~[[21]]~~ 19, ~~further comprising a step of receiving, from said client terminal, wherein said destination information is~~ a mail address of said portable terminal to which ~~the URL of the download page is to be transmitted by means of an electronic mail~~ said regular content item is desired to be distributed.

Claim 23 (canceled)

Claim 24 (currently amended): A content distribution method according to claim ~~[[23]]~~ 22, wherein ~~the data for specifying said portable terminal include a mail address of said portable terminal; and~~ said regular content item is transmitted from said distribution server as ~~a document attached~~ an attachment to an electronic mail which is directed to the mail address of said portable terminal.

Claim 25 (previously presented): A content distribution method according to claim 19, further comprising a step of:

receiving, from said client terminal, data which specify a type of said reproducing means of said portable terminal wherein said regular content item which corresponds to the data which specify the type of said reproducing means of said portable terminal is distributed to said portable terminal.

Claim 26 (previously presented): A content distribution method according to claim 25, wherein the regular content item corresponding to the data which specify the type of said reproducing means of said portable terminal is produced by said distribution server by processing a content item stored in a database of said distribution server in accordance with the data which specify the type of said reproducing means of said portable terminal.

Claim 27 (previously presented): A content distribution method according to claim 25, wherein a plurality of content items corresponding to types of said reproducing means of said portable terminal are stored in a data base of said distribution server; and the regular content item corresponding to the data which specify the type of said reproducing means of said portable terminal is obtained by selecting one content item from the stored content items in accordance with the data which specify the type of said reproducing means of said portable terminal.

Claims 28-36 (canceled)

Claim 37 (currently amended): A distribution server capable of communicating with a portable terminal including reproducing means for reproducing a distributed content item and with a client terminal, comprising:

first request receiving means for receiving[[,]] a first request from said client terminal, [[a]] the first request being for distributing requesting said distribution server to distribute a trial content item to said client terminal,

first distribution means for distributing, in response to said first request from said client terminal, [[the]] said trial content item to said client terminal,

second request receiving means for receiving[[,]] a second request from said client terminal, [[a]] the second request being for distributing requesting said distribution server to distribute a regular content item,

input screen data transmitting means for transmitting an input screen data to said client terminal, said input screen data being for inputting, by use of the client terminal, destination information which specifies said portable terminal to which said regular content item is desired to be distributed,

destination information receiving means for receiving said destination information from said client terminal,

second distribution means for distributing, in response to said second request from said client terminal, the regular content item to said portable terminal which is specified by said destination information; and

charging means for charging a fee to a user of said portable terminal which is specified by said destination information, when the regular content item is distributed to said portable terminal which is specified by said destination information.

Claim 38 (canceled)

Claim 39 (previously presented): A distribution server according to claim 37, wherein said second distribution means comprises:

URL mailing means for sending an electronic mail to said portable terminal in order to transmit to said portable terminal the URL of a download page for downloading the regular content item; and

download means for transmitting the regular content item to said portable terminal in response to access to the URL by said portable terminal.

Claim 40 (currently amended): A distribution server according to claim ~~[[39]]~~ 37, wherein said ~~URL mailing means transmits the electronic mail to~~ wherein said destination information is a mail address of said portable terminal transmitted from said client terminal to which said regular content item is desired to be distributed.

Claim 41 (canceled)

Claim 42 (currently amended): A distribution server according to claim ~~[[41]]~~ 40, wherein ~~the data transmitted from said client terminal include a mail address of said portable terminal; and said direct distribution means of said distribution server~~ said second distribution means transmits an electronic mail directed to the mail address of said portable terminal, while attaching said regular content item to the electronic mail.

Claim 43 (previously presented): A distribution server according to claim 37, wherein in response to a request from said client terminal, said second distribution means distributes to said portable terminal a content item corresponding to the data which specify the type of said reproducing means of said portable terminal, as the regular content item.

Claim 44 (previously presented): A distribution server according to claim 43, further comprising a database which stores a content item, wherein said second distribution means processes the content item stored in said database in accordance with the data which specify the type of said reproducing means of said portable terminal and distributes the processed content item as the regular content item to said portable terminal.

Claim 45 (previously presented): A distribution server according to claim 43, further comprising a database which stores a plurality of content items corresponding to types of said reproducing means of said portable terminal, wherein said second distribution means selects one content item from the plurality of content items stored in said database in accordance with the data which specify the type of said reproducing means of said portable terminal and distributes the selected content item as the regular content item to said portable terminal.

Claims 46-64 (canceled)

Claim 65 (currently amended): A portable terminal capable of communicating with a distribution server, comprising:

regular content item receiving means for receiving a regular content item distributed from said distribution server, said regular content item being distributed from said distribution server to said portable terminal on the basis of a request from a client terminal for requesting said distribution server to distribute the regular content item ~~to said portable terminal~~, the request being transmitted from said client terminal to said distribution server after said client terminal receives a trial content item distributed from said distribution server, said portable terminal to which the regular content item is distributed from the distribution server being specified by destination information which is transmitted from the client terminal to said distribution server on the basis of input screen data transmitted from the distribution server to the client terminal upon a request to distribute said regular content item; and

reproducing means for reproducing said received regular content item.

Claim 66 (previously presented): A portable terminal according to claim 65, wherein said regular content item receiving means comprises:

URL receiving means for receiving an electronic mail transmitted from said distribution server and containing a URL of a download page for downloading the regular content item; and
content obtaining means for accessing the URL in order to download the regular content item.

Claim 67 (currently amended): A portable terminal according to claim 65, wherein said regular content item receiving means receives the regular content item as ~~a document attached~~ as an attachment to an electronic mail directed to the mail address of said portable terminal transmitted from said client terminal to said distribution server.

Claims 68 and 69 (canceled)

Claim 70 (currently amended): A computer-readable recording medium recording a program applied to a client terminal capable of communicating with a distribution server, said program comprising the steps of:

transmitting a first request which is for requesting said distribution server to distribute a trial content item to said client terminal,
receiving said trial content item distributed from said distribution server,
reproducing said received trial content item, ~~[[and]]~~
transmitting a second request which is for requesting said distribution server to distribute a regular content item to a portable terminal having content reproducing means,
receiving an input screen data transmitted from said distribution server in response to said second request, said input screen data being for inputting, by use of the client terminal, destination information which specifies said portable terminal to which said regular content item is desired to be distributed,
displaying an input screen based on said received input screen data, and
transmitting said destination information inputted by use of said input screen to said distribution server,

wherein said regular content item is distributed from said distribution server to said portable terminal specified by said destination information, and said distribution server charges a fee to a user of said portable terminal specified by said destination information when the regular content item is distributed to said portable terminal specified by said destination information.

Claims 71 and 72 (canceled)

Claim 73 (currently amended): A computer-readable recording medium according to claim ~~[[72]]~~ 70, wherein ~~the data for specifying said portable terminal contain~~ said destination information is a mail address of said portable terminal to which receives the regular content item said regular content item is desired to be distributed.

Claim 74 (previously presented): A computer-readable recording medium according to claim 70, said program further comprising a step of transmitting to said distribution server data which specify a type of content reproducing means of said portable terminal.

Claims 75-116 (canceled)

Claim 117 (previously presented): A computer-readable recording medium according to claim 73, said program further comprising a step of transmitting to said distribution server data which specify a type of content reproducing means of said portable terminal.

Claim 118 (canceled)